

THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING
OF THE COMMUNITY & ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE
HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER,
SHOTTON HALL, PETERLEE ON MONDAY 9TH SEPTEMBER 2019 AT 6.30PM

PRESENT: COUN M A CARTWRIGHT (CHAIR)

Mesdames:- D Howarth, A C Long, V Watson, L Fenwick, K Liddell,
K Hawley & K J Duffy

Messrs:- C Watkins, S D McGlen, S Miles, R Moore, A Watson,
A Wilkinson, S Franklin, S Meikle & T Duffy

The Chairman advised Members of the committee that part of the meeting may be recorded by both audio and video, and it may be that photographs were taken.

20. Apologies for Absence

Apologies had been submitted and accepted from S Simpson & G Carne. **RESOLVED the Council approve the reason submitted for absence received from the Councillors listed, and their apologies for absence be recorded.**

21. To receive declarations of interest

Members were reminded of the need to disclose any interests in items on this agenda, whether pecuniary or otherwise. None were given.

22. The Minutes of the Last Meeting a copy of which had been circulated to each Member were approved and signed as a true and correct record.

23. Smoke-free Playgrounds

This item had been referred from the Community & Environment Committee held on 8th July 2019. Members received a brief verbal report from the Town Clerk to consider adopting the smoke free play area initiatives in Peterlee and there was discussion and full support for adopting this initiative, whilst appreciating it was not enforceable and not compulsory. **RESOLVED the Town Council adopt a voluntary smoke free playground policy and back this up with appropriate signage and communications activity.**

24. Award of contract – Heath Close Play Area renewal

Members received a report from the Parks Manager and Town Clerk recommending the award of a contract for the renewal of the play area at Heath Close to HAGS-SMP Ltd to the value of £101,285.53.

RESOLVED approval be given to the award of the contract for the renewal of the play area at Heath Close to HAGS-SMP Ltd to a value of £101,285.53.

25. Minutes of the Woodhouse Park Working Party of the 14th August 2019 a copy of which had been circulated, were noted.

26. Woodhouse Park Safety Improvements & Security Survey

A copy of the risk analysis survey completed by the Crime Prevention Officer, Durham Police, and the zoning concept plan prepared by the Town Clerk in February 2018 were considered. In discussing the issue of off road bikes in the Park Members reported there were other areas in the Town, which they felt suffered from problems with off road bikes to a greater degree than Woodhouse Park. It was suggested there should be a pinch point project looking at Peterlee as a whole and see where they can be engineered in to slow motorbikes down. Partners including the Police, Durham County Council and Believe Housing should be included as well as Local Members speaking to residents to find out areas of concern from them. **RESOLVED a Peterlee Pinch Point Project Working Party (The 4P's Working Party for short) be established part of their aim to improve reporting and inter agency communication and identifying current "rat runs" and prioritising areas for attention. FURTHER RESOLVED Members to collect local information about hot spot areas for off road bikes/vehicles and bring these to the first meeting of the Working Party in November 2019.**